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COVID19 Testing in Residential Settings

1. This document describes how patients that need COVID19 testing in a group residential setting and who are unable to travel to a community testing site either due to illness or incarceration should be managed.
2. This **includes** persons requiring testing in:
 - Residential care facilities for older people public, voluntary and private nursing homes
 - HSE Community nursing units (rehab and long – stay mixed)
 - Disability centres
 - Long stay mental health facilities
 - Hospices
 - Prisons
 - Persons in Garda custody
3. This **excludes** any patient in one of these settings that is able to attend a community testing site – some residents may be able to travel, and if so, they should do so via a GP referral through Healthlink.
4. This also **excludes** the staff of these institutions, who should be referred for testing by a GP via Healthlink.
5. The referral should be emailed to neoc.covid19@hse.ie
6. The subject line in the email should read “RESIDENTIAL SETTING TEST REQUEST”
7. The email must give the following details:
 - Number of patients to be tested
 - Name of each patient to be tested
 - The address including Eircode of the residential facility
 - The name and telephone number of the requesting doctor.
8. Test results will be communicated directly to the requesting doctor by the laboratory. NAS will not have access to the test results. Therefore, if a referral is made without the name and number of a requesting doctor, the referral will be returned to you.

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